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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 7, 2004, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 7, 2004, and for which a three month extension of time is being submitted to extend the period for response until March 7, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the title begins on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Reply.